



APRIL 28, 2024 | THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"This Little Light of Mine!" ~ Sunday School Youth ~ (11:00 AM)

OPENING HYMN

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" vs 1,2,3,4 & 6 (#467)

HYMN OF PRAISE
THE ANTHEM

"Gloria in Excelsis" (PAGE #170)

THE ANTHEM "Behold the Lamb" ~ Brent Kleeman ~ (played on his home organ) **READINGS** Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:1-11, John 15:1-8

"Jesus Is God's Living Vine" (Tune: #687)

HYMN OF THE DAY SERMON

"To Be a Branch" ~ Pastor Michael Bingenheimer

John 15:1-8

CLOSING HYMN

"Let Me Be Thine Forever" (#689)

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of our daughters birthday ~ Dean & Mary Brownfield ~



Together we worshiped on April 21, 2024 Offerings received for April 21, 2024 Tyler Campus # 280 \$ 5,278.45 Maple Campus # 185

Worship Services are now being recorded and live streamed

Please be advised that your presence in our worship service constitutes permission to use your likeness as often as deem appropriate and desirable for promotional or broadcast purposes. Sunday Services are recorded & live streamed on the following websites:

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youtube @ https://www.youtube.com/c/ascensionlutheranchurchwichitaks

Large print bulletins are available at the welcome table.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND



†THE PREPARATION†

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

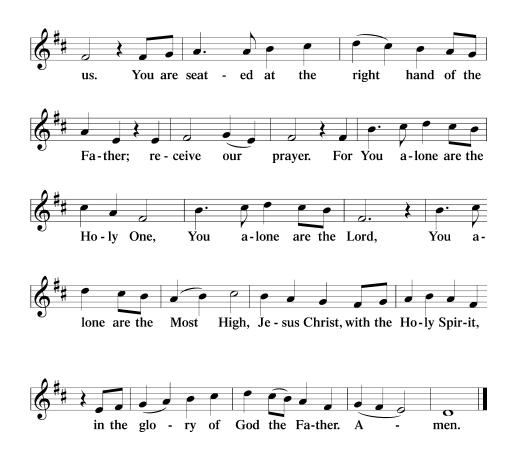
KNEEL OR SIT

- L: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE ANTHEM "Behold the Lamb" ~ Brent Kleeman ~ (Played on his home organ)

READERS STEVE FISHER (8:30 AM) SCOTT MOORE (11:00 AM)

†THE SERVICE OF THE WORD†

THE FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING 1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁵We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30 & 11:00 AM)

Chris Hockett



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THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1-8

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

- L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Is God's Living Vine"

1 Jesus is God's living vine; I am His and He is mine, For my sins were washed away On my bless'd baptismal day. John 15:1

2 We're connected to God's vine Of Lord Jesus Christ divine! In Him we're from sin set free For He died for you and me. John 15:3-4

3 We are branches on God's vine; We are part of God's design. We can share God's love with all Whether they are great or small. Matthew 28:18-20

4 As His branch we bear good fruit! We're connected to the root Who from all God's blessings run—Jesus, God's most precious Son!

John 15:5

5 In God's love we all shall grow And to others we shall show, In the things we say and do, How Lord Jesus loves them too. John 15:8-9

6 Jesus said, "My joy is yours! I'll be with you through the years! Your joy will be full and free As you live and trust in Me!" John 15:11

7 Δ Praise to God the Father sing; To Lord Jesus praises bring; Praises to the Spirit be! Praise the Holy Trinity! (Tune: #687)

"To Be a Branch" John 15:1-8 Pastor Michael Bingenheimer

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATION PLEASE SIT

THE OFFERING

To give, text "GIVE (and the \$ amount)" to 833-429-8050.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME (11:00 AM)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer and Praise bulletins are located on the welcome table in the mix area.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you.
And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

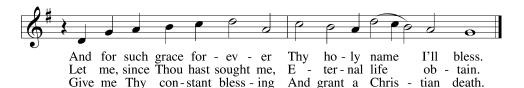
C: Amen.







Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead-fast-ness, For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain. Him to the end con-fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



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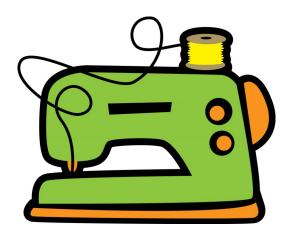


SUNDAY, MAY 5 12:30 PM ~ MAPLE CAMPUS

A Special Voters Meeting will be on Sunday, May 5th at 12:30 PM at our Maple Campus in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be to consider issuing a call to Reverend Brendon Moore for the Maple Campus Site Pastor.

A lunch will be provided after Worship service at Maple Campus until noon in the Sanctuary.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting.



SAVE THE DATES: Backpack Time! Please have these dates on your calendars. July 15 & 16 and August 15 & 16, we will be sewing & stringing backpacks from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. We will have non-sewing jobs you can do! Questions? Call/text Kim Fisher 316-393-2433

2024 Saints Alive After 55 Conference, July 21-22, 2024.

THE 34th ANNIVERSARY OF "SAINTS ALIVE AFTER 55" "What's Love Got to Do with It" Christ the King Lutheran Church ~ 111 West Magnolia Road, Salina, KS

Please use the link below to find the registration link and the schedule for the SAA55. https://kslcms.org/

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

APRIL	
Dean Potter	4-28
Sharon Ailslieger	4-29
Edra Holle	4-29
Gavin Nelson	4-29
Susie Will	4-29
Audrina Barnes	4-30
Sandra Goldsmith	4-30
Mark Herbert	4-30
Bob Neier	4-30
Emily Tingle	4-30

MAY

Erika Hughes	5-1
Kristina Titterington	5-1
Kathy Woodward	5-1
Vickie O'Krakel	5-4





TYLER CAMPUS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study with Tim Shook at 9:45 AM in rooms 15-16. "Chronological Walk Through the New Testament".

Bible Study with Leland McKinley at 9:45 AM in rooms 17-18. Join Leland McKinley for "The Chosen" season four.

The Sunday Morning Bible Study led by Mike Freed (9:45 am in the Hospitality Room) will be beginning a new study, April 14th. We will be looking at the Book of Philippians. You are welcome and encouraged to join us.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten: Linda Freed: Room 6

Grade School: Jo Hoggatt & Trinity Soderstrom: Library

Bible Study for Children will end on Sunday, May 19 for the Summer.

MAPLE CAMPUS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study at 9:00 AM in the commons. "Gospel of Mark" by Francis Chan.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will begin at 10:15 AM at our Commons building. Children will be dismissed during church service. They will return before communion.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

Pre-Kindergarten: Ann Heil in room 3

Grade School: Sarah Gruetter in school age room

Jr. & Sr. High: Jake Holle in the commons

Bible Study for Children will end on Sunday, May 19 for the Summer.

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Women's Bible study with Jennifer Wipperman (in her home). The group will meet every other Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 PM. The study will be from the WordGo app which is a free download. Contact the church office for location and dates 316-722-4694.



Ascension Lutheran church is investigating the feasibility of starting a grade school at the Tyler Campus in the fall of 2026. Please take a moment to complete the school interest survey that will help us better understand the needs of school families. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Scott at maplecampus@gmail.com or 316-207-3431.

Here is the link for the survey or use the QR code provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

MAY 13

1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Willowbend Golf Club

ROAD HOME FITNESS CHALLENGE

Virtual - May 18 to May 27

MAY 18

SEPT 21

ROAD HOME 10K, 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN

Sedgwick County Park

Visit our Website for more information: WWW.PASSAGEWAYSLTD.ORG

Or Use the QR code



PASSAGEWAY'S GREATEST NEEDS

Televisons
(not more than 7 years old)

Vacuums

Small Kitchen Tables/chairs
(2 to 4 person)

Microwaves
(new or gently Used)

Recliners

This is a partial list of items we need when a previously homeless veteran moves into a place of their own. Veterans who access services through the Outreach Center are given household supplies and furniture *free* of charge. Please visit our website for a complete listing and dropoff locations.



Scan QR Code or Visit www.passagewaysltd.org/helpfulitems



Check out the Church Calendar for what is happening next week:)

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR WEEK:)







Ascension Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Current Prek 3 - 4th Grade from 9:00am-Noon

Registration: ascension-lcms.org



REGISTER FOR VBS WITH THE QR CODE PROVIDED OR DROP OFF YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.



GRADES (3rd—12th)

NEW GROUND: (3rd, 4th & 5th graders): Friday, May 24, 6-8 PM, location to be determined. Dinner will be served.

MIDDLE GROUND: (6th, 7th, & 8th graders):

Light House, Friday, May 10, 7-10 PM, Tyler Campus, Dinner Provided.

HIGHER GROUND: (9-12th graders): We meet on Wednesdays from 6-8:00 PM. If you have a service project for us, please contact Cyndy Bressler, we will be serving once a month and would love to help you. Cyndy 316-734-1437.

If you have a project we would love to help you with it. Let Cyndy know how we can serve you:)



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We are looking for volunteers for the following:



PANERA BREAD:

Every Monday Evening, we pick up a bread donation from Panera in New Market Square



OUTREACH CENTER:

Volunteers to help us expand the hours of the Outreach Center.
You would open the Center and help Veterans shop for household items.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
HTTPS://PASSAGEWAYSLTD.ORG/VOLUNTEER



Hannah Hayden has declined the call to be our Director of Discipleship and Engagement. Please keep Fairmount in your prayers as we begin the call process again.

It is almost finals week! We will have finals kits available beginning Monday, April 29th until Friday, May 10th, if supplies last. We are needing mechanical pencils, snacks, square post it notes, glue sticks, etc. E-mail info@fairmountministries.org to donate.

Pizza with a Pastor: Tuesday, April 30th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pastor Ryan Ankersen will lead.

Pancake Night for College students: Thursday, May 2nd from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Coffee and Cuddles: Friday, May 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students will receive a free drink donated by Risen Savior. Marilyn Cook will be there with Teddy.

WHAT'S COMING UP Sunday 4-28	8:30 AM Worship Service ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary 9:00 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (MC) ~ Meets in the Commons Building 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Tim Shook Rooms 15-16 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Leland McKinley Rooms 17-18 9:45 AM Adult Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Mike Freed Hospitality Room 9:45 AM Children's Bible Studies ~ (TC) ~ Start out in the Library together 10:00 AM Worship Service ~ (MC) ~ Sanctuary 10:15 AM Children's Church ~ (MC) ~ Meets in the Commons Building 11:00 AM Worship Service ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary
Monday 4-29	~ Pre-School Monday—Friday ~ 9:30 AM Tops ~ (TC) ~ Rooms 15-16 7:00 PM Monday Night Scouts ~ (TC) ~ PAC 7:00 PM In Stitches ~ (TC) ~ Room 29
Tuesday 4-30	9:30 AM Tops ~ (TC) ~ Rooms 15, 16 & 17 6:30 PM Girl Scouts ~ (TC) ~ Room 22
Wednesday 5-1	9:00 AM Peace by Piece ~ (TC) ~ Quilters Room 1:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ (TC) ~ Hospitality Room 5:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary 6:00 PM Sr. High Higher Ground ~ (TC) ~ Sr. High Room 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice ~ (TC) ~ Sanctuary
Thursday 5-2	6:00 PM Girl Scouts ~ (TC) ~ Room 6 6:30 PM Maple Campus Commission of Properties ~ (Zoom) 7:00 PM Commission of Stewardship ~ (TC) ~ Room 31
Friday 5-3	
Saturday 5-4	5:30 PM Maple Campus Worship Service ~ (MC) ~ Sanctuary
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